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House Resolution No. 2849

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State agencies that admirably help ensure that state government provides its much-needed services and programs in the efficient, effective manner mandated by the public; and

Whereas, the Missouri Veterans Home in Mount Vernon, Missouri, was established in April 1983 and admitted its first residents on May 12, 1983; and

Whereas, originally located in a wing of the Missouri Rehabilitation Center, a new state-of-the-art complex was completed in May 2004 and the facility's capacity climbed from 104 residents to 200; and

Whereas, the Missouri Veterans Home is operated by the Missouri Veterans Commission, is inspected annually by the federal Veterans Administration, and complies with all federal and state regulations; and

Whereas, today's Missouri Veterans Home is operated by administrator Don W. Long and assistant administrator James Dennis with 235 highly motivated, well-trained, caring, and compassionate staffers; and

Whereas, in its twenty-five-year-long history, the Missouri Veterans Home has cared for more than 1,320 veterans who are Missouri residents, honorably discharged from the armed forces, and in need of nursing home care; and

Whereas, the Missouri Veterans Home offers skilled nursing care, medical care, recreational therapy, a barber shop, a canteen, a chapel, a heated therapy pool, a library with computer internet access, physical therapy, a guest room, kitchen and dining facilities, patios, and raised gardening areas:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Mount Vernon Missouri Veterans Home and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the establishment of their organization; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Missouri Veterans Home of Mount Vernon, Missouri.

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2849, adopted May 8, 2008.